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TOSHIAKI IGARASHI ET AL.)	
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Application No.: 09/017,295)	
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Filed: February 2, 1998)	
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For: NETWORK DATA BASE CONTROL)	
DEVICE AND METHOD THEREOF	:	May 6, 2004
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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY FILED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND RETURN OF INITIALED PTO-1449 FORM

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In the Office Action dated January 6, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the

IDS "does not contain a PTO-1449 form," and the Examiner kindly provided a PTO-892

form citing JP 8-242286 and U.S. Patent No. 5,845,080. Please note, however, that the

IDS cites other information in addition to the references listed on the PTO-892 form.

Accordingly, submitted herewith are courtesy copies of the IDS and the PTO-1449 form, as

well as courtesy copies of the other cited information not yet acknowledged by the

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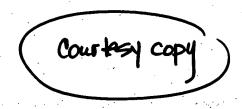
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is given in the attached English translations. Please note that no English translation is provided for JP 8-242286. However, U.S. Patent No. 5,845,080, a copy of which is provided, is in the same patent family as JP 8-242286.

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement. A copy of the communication is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d)(2).

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